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REPLIES BY MEMBER STATES

BENIN

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The Minister for Foreign Affairs and Co-operation of the People's Republic of Benin has the honour to inform the Secretary-General of the United Nations that the competent Beninese authorities have no objection to the arrangements already made to ensure the continuity of the work of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. The arrangements in question are that:

1. The Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities should consist of 26 members elected by the Commission on Human Rights from among experts put forward as candidates by the Governments of States Members of the United Nations;

2. The members should be elected on the basis of the following geographical distribution: six members from African States, six from Asian States, five from Latin American States, three from eastern European States and six from western European and other States;

3. The members of the Sub-Commission should be elected for a term of four years, half of the members being elected every two years.

Being anxious that all States Members of the United Nations should be able to make a contribution to the work of the Sub-Commission, the People's Republic of Benin would like to suggest that:

1. Outgoing members of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities should not be eligible for re-election immediately;

2. The election should be conducted on the basis of a rotation among the States Members of the United Nations.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs and Co-operation of the People's Republic of Benin thanks the Secretary-General of the United Nations and takes this opportunity to renew the assurances of his highest consideration.